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Board of Commerce Meet Called for Friday Evening

IF YOU ARE A BOOSTER BE SURE AND ATTEND THIS MEETING.—IMPORTANT BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED.

The meeting of the Chamber of Commerce which is called for tomorrow night at the Council Chamber should be attended by every business man and citizen who has the interests of the city at heart.

This meeting is called for the purpose of reading, and if acceptable, adopting the by laws written by the committee appointed to look after the matter.

The committee which was to solicit membership will also report, and it is to be hoped they have taken enough interest in the organization to do their share.

Another matter to be taken up tomorrow night is that of setting a date for the first banquet, which will probably be given some time in January.

At the first meeting the question of a charge for membership was discussed, and it was decided that the membership fee for the first year would be \$2.00, which would include the banquet. At this low figure every business man and citizen should join and make the Board of Commerce as nearly 100 per cent in the matter of membership as possible.

Don't think that this association is confined to the city of Yale. We want every farmer in this vicinity to join, realizing that this is a city depending on the farmers for its very existence, and what is good for Yale is also good for the surrounding country.

Turn out tomorrow night and help put Yale on the map.

A MAN'S PRAYER

On the walls of the Henry T. Perkins wholesale house in Springfield, Mass., appears the following work-a-day petition to the Supreme Being. Its application is universal—its practice a wholesome habit:

"Teach me that sixty minutes make an hour, sixteen ounces one pound and 100 cents one dollar. Help me so to live that I can lie down at night with a clear conscience, without a gun under my pillow and unharmed by the faces of those to whom I have brought pain. Grant that I may earn my meal ticket on the square and that in earning it I may do unto others as I would have them do unto me. Deafen me to the jingle of tainted money and to the rustle of unholly skirts. Blind me to the faults of the other fellow but reveal to me my own. Guide me so that each night when I look across the dinner table at my wife, who has been a blessing to me, I will have nothing to conceal. Keep me young enough to laugh with little children, and sympathetic enough to be considerate of old age. And when comes the day of darkened shades and the smell of flowers, the crunching of wheels in the front yard—make the ceremony short and the epitaph simply—HERE LIES A MAN."—From the Manufacturer's News.

A small company of Custer township farmers have faith that a vein of coal exists 35 feet deep. They are about half way down and are doing the excavating by hand. Daily crowds of farmers gather around the spot, but no word of prospects can they get from the chief engineer, Wm. Nichol. Attempts to find oil in Sanilac Co., at various places have so far been unsuccessful. This is the first recent instance of projected coal mining here.

Lynn Township Taxes

I will be at Yale State Bank on Thursday, Dec. 21st, and every Thursday thereafter until Jan. 10, 1923, for the purpose of receiving taxes. John Clink, 38-2 Treasurer Lynn Township

Wanted—Telephone operator at once. Apply to Staley & Brickner, Yale Telephone Exchange.

EFFICIENCY OF YALE SCHOOLS

Since the efficiency of our schools has been computed for each of the past two years, it might be of interest to some to know what it is again this year.

The computation has been made at about the same time of year each time and by the same method, so the results would be comparable.

Two years ago the efficiency was found to be about 75 percent. Last year it was about 81 percent, and this year it is found to be 88.5 percent. A highly efficient school is considered one having an efficiency of 87 to 90 percent. The percent is seldom higher than this because of deaths and sub-normal children.

A repeater is one who spends more than one year in a grade. Each repeater must be taught the work of the grade over again one or more times. This costs the Yale district \$37.50 per repeater a year. Two years ago 21 per cent of the pupils in the grades were repeaters. Last year it was reduced to 15 per cent and this year to 5.3 per cent. That is, in two years the number of repeaters has been reduced from 45 to 13. This was due to the painstaking work of the teachers, the introduction of better methods of teaching, and the co-operation of parents in securing regular attendance of the pupils. This lessening of the number of repeaters saved the Yale district 32 times \$37.50, or \$1,200 last year alone.

The efficiency was found in the following manner, as had been before:

The number of beginners, corrected for the change in population is 29. If there were no repeaters and none dropped out or died, we should now have 29 in the eighth grade. But we have 31, so our efficiency on this score is 29-31sts. Again, if there were no repeaters and none died or dropped out, we would have 29 in each grade, and 8 times 29, or 232 in all the grades. But we have 245, hence our efficiency on this score is 232-245ths. The combined efficiency of our schools is 29-31sts times 232-245ths, which equals 6728-7595ths, or 88.5 percent.

The percent failing in the grades this past month is about 1%, and for the three months an average of about 2 percent. This is but two out of a hundred which speaks well for the work of the teachers and the co-operation of the parents in securing regular attendance.

In the high school 5 percent failed this last month. Since it is quite common for high schools around the state to fail as high as 15 percent, much credit should be given the teachers and pupils for the quality of the work done.

Respectfully submitted,
A. T. Greenman, Supt.

For Sale—Second-hand organ, good as new. Will sell cheap if taken at once. First house east side of Woolen Mill, Yale. Mrs. A. Beckett.

Wanted to Rent—A good farm. Write A. McRobbie, Kingston, Mich., Route No. 2.

Notice to Water Consumers

You are hereby notified that all water taps found running all night will be discontinued.

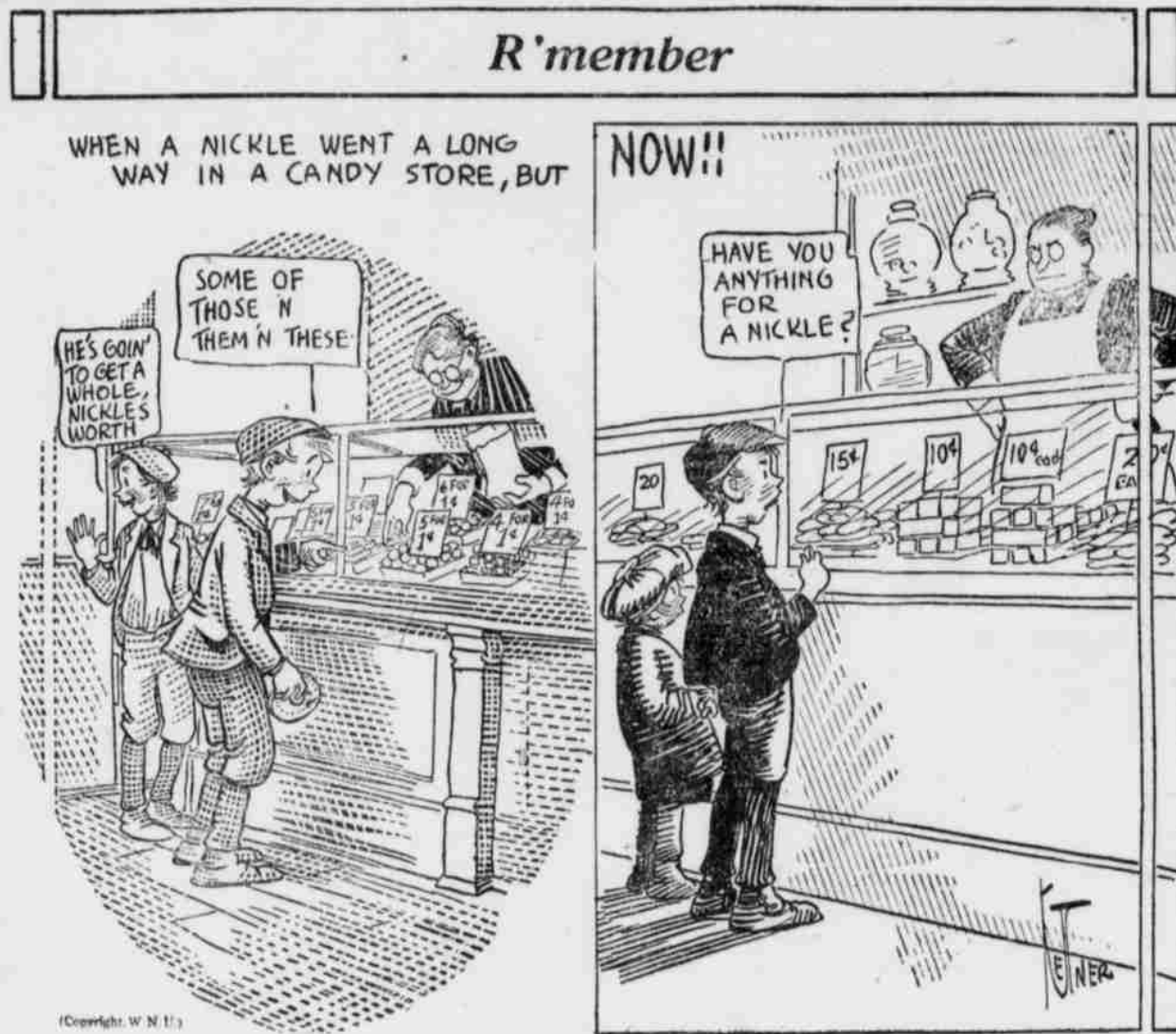
Our tank was full on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning there was not a drop in it. Should a fire occur we would be in a very serious condition.

SHUT YOUR TAP!

J. H. Moore, Commissioner

For Sale—A large fumed oak library table in excellent condition. Price reasonable. Mrs. Geo. Barth.

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MAILING RULES

The local postoffice and all the postoffices of the nation are carrying on a "mail early for Christmas" campaign. Placards tell the public to mail early and to wrap securely and give 11 instructions for the proper wrapping and marking.

One of these posters says, "In preparing your packages for mailing, remember to—

"Wrap it with tough paper.
"Tie with stout cord.
"Write or print a plain address with ink.

"Place return address in upper left corner.
"Attach address to article itself inside wrapper.

"Inclose articles liable to breakage in corrugated paper or wooden boxes or pack in excelsior or similar substance.
"If contents are perishable or fragile, mark the package conspicuously or have the mailing clerk do it for you.

"Think of the miles it must travel, rubbing up against other parcels, handled and rehandled.

"When ready to mail it give it the 'once over,' address, return address, stamps, wrapper and packing.

"Mail it early and insure it."

RECTOR-BEAL WEDDING

At 4:00 o'clock p. m., on Wednesday, Dec. 6th, at the Church of Christ parsonage, Miss Iva L. Rector and Herbert L. Beal were united in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony by their pastor, Daniel F. Tucker. The attendants were Miss Rachel Kerry and Morris Rector.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Rector and is a highly esteemed young lady. She was attired in a lovely blue silk messaline dress with bead trimming.

The groom is an industrious and enterprising young man, the junior member of the firm of Beal Bros., farmers and stone masons.

After the ceremony was performed the bridal party motored to the home of the bride's parents, where a bountiful six o'clock wedding dinner was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Beal are active church workers, he being superintendent of the Church of Christ Bible school, she being the secretary. They have a large circle of friends and acquaintances who wish them success and happiness as they journey through life.

Brockway Tax Notice

I will be at the Yale State Bank beginning the 15th of December, every Friday until the 10th of January, 1923, to receive Brockway township taxes.

MORTON KILBORN,

Brockway Township Treasurer

SENDS RHYME WITH CASH

Dear Mr. Menzies, Yale, Mich:—For some time it has been my wish

To pay you up, so now, by heck, I'm sending you a little check; It won't pay up far in advance, But though I dug deep in my pants

And hunted all the whole house o'er, I couldn't dig up any more.

But send your paper right along; For that little paper we are strong.

It let's us know the news from Yale,
Who's moving out or giving a sale

—It tells us news we like to hear About old friends and neighbors dear;

About the weather and the crops, When price goes up or when it drops.

Now please accept this as a start, I'll come again with all my heart.

I'll have more money in my duds If I get a chance to sell my spuds.

Now I hope you'll think I've done my best,

And print my paper with the rest. And don't think that I'm a clacker But send it to yours truly,

FRED PACKER.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Some two weeks ago Wm Gardner, of Fargo, came to my store to deliver some apples, parking his car in front of my place. Marjinal Henry came and ordered him to move his car to the village had placed a sign "No Parking Here" at line of postoffice and my place.

Cars were allowed to park all along Main street, only not in front of my store. Since then I have written my attorney, W. H. Burgess, at Sandusky, in regard to this matter and find they cannot stop parking of cars in front of my place unless they stop it all along Main street.

Am advised that the city of Yale is discriminating against my place of business in not allowing cars to be parked in front of same where cars are allowed to be parked in front of every other store along Main street.

If the city authorities wish to be just, an ordinance should be passed and adopted prohibiting the parking of cars anywhere on Main street. Until a prohibitive parking law is put into effect you may park your cars in front of my place of business.

Yours for justice,
A. E. Cummer.

Mrs. Eva J. Black & Co. have a large amount of Christmas holly for sale at their millinery store. Everybody likes holly at this time of year for decorations as it adds a Christmas cheer to the home.

FARM BARN BURNS

On Sunday morning at about 7:00 o'clock the barn on the farm of John Long, one mile north and a half mile west of Yale was burned to the ground, together with all of its contents.

There was in the barn at the time four horses, four cows, two head of young cattle, a brood sow and litter of pigs, grain binder, mowing machine, side delivery rake, hay tedder, truck wagon, besides other farm implements. Along with the above live stock and farm implements were 200 bushels of wheat, 600 bushels of oats, 2,000 feet of dry maple lumber, and all of his season's crop of hay and straw.

The loss will total about \$7,000 with only \$3,000 insurance. The cause of the fire is a mystery, as the family was not up at the time it broke out.

Every effort was made to save the contents, but to no avail.

SETS ASIDE VERDICT

In its second decision, the supreme court set aside the verdict of the jury in the circuit court and sent the case contesting the estate of the late Abner Jackson back to the latter court for a new trial.

By the term of Jackson's will, \$5,000 was left to his daughter, \$50 to a grandson, and the rest to his widow, a second wife. The will was contested on account of claimed undue influence on the part of the wife, and the jury in the circuit court broke the will. The appeal to the supreme court followed.

Walsh and Walsh represented the contestants and Avery and Watson the estate.

A Word of Warning to the Users of City Water

Winter is at hand, and where there are furnaces and a pipe should burst and no shut off in the basement and the cap off the stop box, it would be a very serious condition. If I understand the law rightly every furnace owner is obliged to have a shut off inside his building. Every person should carefully look over the water and toilet pipes to see that they are all tight and secure before cold weather comes.

J. H. MOORE,

Light and Water Commissioner

Come to our box social and Christmas entertainment at the McConnell school on Friday evening, Dec. 22. Ladies please bring boxes.

For Sale—Barred Rock roosters. Price, \$1.50 each. Some good birds. W. A. Silverthorn, two miles north of Yale. 37-3

Neighborhood News From Nearby Towns

ITEMS TAKEN FROM NEWSPAPERS OF NEIGHBORING TOWNS AND VILLAGES.

The new Masonic Temple at Romeo will be dedicated Jan. 23.

Lexington citizens are debating the matter of constructing a new road through the village.

For the purpose of sewer construction on Main street, Almont has voted to expend \$25,000.

The new building of the Marine City Savings Bank was formally opened to the public last Friday.

The Brown City school was closed last week to allow changes and repairs to be made to the heating plant.

Memphis schools commemorated national education week with an excellent appropriate program on Friday.

The Sugar factory at Crosswell has finished its 1922 run. It was the shortest run in its history, but paid well.

Brown City citizens are in favor of having the 24 hour electric service from the Edison plant at Bad Axe.

Of 21 aliens who came before the judge in Tuscola county last week, applying for naturalization papers, 11 qualified.

The Almont Masons held their annual rabbit and chicken banquet last week. This is one of the largest social events in Almont.

At the recent State Implement Dealers Association held in Lansing, John P. Sheehy, of Emmett, was chosen one of the directors.

A school store has been opened in the new school building in St. Clair, where the students may buy their tablets, pencils, paper, etc.

The four-year-old son of Earl Eagen, Port Huron township, received a broken jaw recently from the kick of a horse. The child will recover.

In the corridors of the Port Huron city hall last week attention was drawn to a dog snapping at passersby, apparently suffering from rabies. Officials shot the dog.

When a Deckerville man had to pay an assessment of \$13 for his delinquent dog tax, he was pretty well riled up, but he was informed there were others in the same fix. There are 500 dogs in Sanilac county with unpaid licenses, which means about \$5,000 in costs and fines.

A mysterious fire destroyed a straw stack of about 20 tons on the farm of Charles Felstew near Richmond last week. A chemical engine saved the barns and other buildings.

Sandusky has a new 25-piece band with a director permanently hired by the merchants of the town, who will move to Sandusky and enter upon his duties Jan. 1st. The director is Frank Millard, of Plymouth.

Twenty-one drains have been constructed in St. Clair county since April, 1921, at a cost of approximately \$80,000. Applications are in and surveys have been made for 11 other drains which will be completed in 1923.

The jury trying John Seymour 63 years of age, for the murder of Archie Barlow, Port Huron hotel proprietor on the night of Sept. 3, on the farm where a "picnic" was being held, found Seymour guilty of murder in the second degree, after 2½ hours of deliberation.

An entry in the death record ledger in the county clerk's office in Sandusky discloses the fact that Garfield Benedict, now county clerk of Sanilac county, is dead. An entry in the ledger says: Date of death, July 21, 1881; name, Garfield Benedict, age 6 months; place of death, Washington township, Sanilac county; disease, croup; parent, William Benedict; date of record May 25, 1882. When Mr. Benedict was questioned as to whether he was supposed to be the same party, he answered, yes, as the place of birth and parents are identical.

Two young men and two girls, all claiming to be students in Detroit Junior college, were found living in the Coburn cottage at Orchard Beach, St. Clair, last Sunday by the owners, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Coburn, of Memphis, who had motored down to their cottage that day and who were very much surprised to find it occupied. The State police at St. Clair were called and overtook and arrested the four who had made a hasty exit. They were taken to the jail in Port Huron and their people in Detroit communicated with, who came to the rescue and took the erring ones home. They had left their homes Thanksgiving morning for a vacation hike, so they said.

Christmas Times of Long Ago

By Will M. Maupin

THIS CHRISTMAS Eve! Turn low the lights; let quivering shadows fall

Althwart the curtained windows there, and play along the wall

Lay work aside! 'Tis time for rest; 'tis time to put away

The cares and trials that beset the weary hours of day

'Tis Christmas Eve! Quick, stir the fire

And in its ruddy glow

We'll live again those happy hours

Of Christmas times of long ago!

We'll walk again the old-time paths; the old-time friends we'll meet;

And to the old-time homes of youth we'll trip with merry feet.

And hand in hand, and heart to heart, we'll tread youth's golden ways,

And live again the joyous hopes we lived in other days

The clock ticks on; its pendulum

Swings softly to and fro;

And every tick a memory brings

Of Christmas times of long ago.

And so another Christmas comes. We linger in the gloom

While ghostly forms of childhood's friends troop in and fill the room.

No words we speak—To memory's view come visions thick and fast.

And for an hour we live again the dear days of the past.

Old Time the tide of life turns back,

And on its ebbing flow

We glide again through golden hours

Of Christmas times of long ago!